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Increase In Parking Problems for 1987

By Michelle Twombly and Mirielle Davis

The school cannot do anything about the parking problem. Principal Geoffrey Jones said that the school cannot build a new parking lot, or enlarge the existing one, because the new high school may be built and the present high school would become the junior high. If and when this does take place, a big parking lot would be unnecessary for a junior high.

The subject of whether or not to expand the parking lot for the high school was brought up at one of the school board meetings, two years ago. The members had drawn up a parking plan, and had it all set to go, when they were informed that they would have to wait until the voting in the fall of 1987 when a decision would be made on whether or not the high school shall be

moved. However come fall the vote was delayed until March of 1988.

A new solution for student parking was brought up this year. The solution was issuing out parking stickers to the students with the most need for them. "We've decided not to go with the stickers because right now the parking is working out well," said Jones. He went on to say, "We might have to go through with the stickers later on." Mrs. Lauten also added that, "The students are acting responsibly toward the parking situation, and the administrators really want the students to work it out."

Senior Heather Bergeron said, "I think that we should have permits so that it would reduce the problems we are having." While other students such as sophomore Suzanne Filippone feel "it isn't right to not let students

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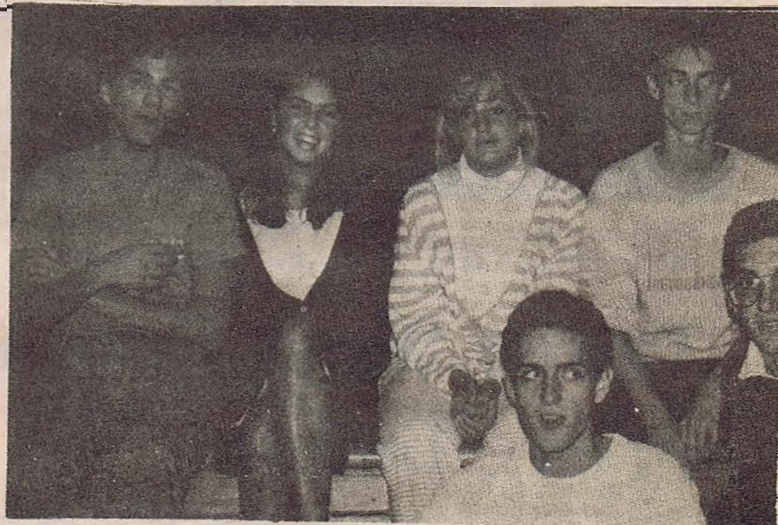
VIOLENT TREND?

By Mirielle Davis and Michelle Twombly

Violence in Oyster River High School is "no big deal", said students. "Since Oyster River is a small school it's easy to get into fights," said Pat Johnson. Students thought the two recent fights were nothing to be worried about. "A large percent of students had the same thoughts but a few students had different opinions," Senior Walt Mills said.

"I feel that the new rules have a direct revelation with the violence brewing at school," states freshman Kurt Pearsall. "The High School is like a wild rumble now. People will think it is the thing to do," Pearsall continues. But as a whole the students felt it was nothing to worry about.

As for the faculty and the Principal Geoffrey Jones, they felt the two fights were something to worry about. When asked Mr. Shapiro and Mrs. Lauten declined from answering questions involving these two incidents. Mr. Jones stated his concern about the two fights. "Were there indications that we missed?" said Mr. Jones. "After these incidents occur it makes the supervisors and faculty think about what we are doing to deal with the kids," said Mr. Jones.



Playing lead roles in "Frogs" are: Joe Williams, Brandie Garrigan, Kristi Cowern, Dan Carr (front) Steve Riddell, and Steve Fuller.

Nearly 100 In Cast

FALL PLAY "FROGS" IN PRODUCTION

By Kit Pierce

The Drama Club recently announced the cast list for the fall play "Frogs". The leads of the play will include Kristi Cowern as Beverly Sills, Brandie Garrigan as Dolly Parton, Steve Fuller as Orpheus, Dan Carr as Boy George, Joe Williams as Micheal Jackson, James Knapp as Stevie Wonder, Jessica Winston as Marie Osmond, and Chris Masi and

Troy Archie as Frick and Frack, the mischievous side-men.

The play "Frogs" was originally a Greek satire of plays and playwrights. "The only person that would understand the jokes would be a theatrical historian," commented Steve Denson, O.R.'s Music Director. With this in mind, Steve, along with the music department, rewrote the play to the theme of modern music.

Computer Growth at Oyster River

By Chris Webb

The number of computers at ORHS has grown this year, with the addition of five computers in computer rooms and two in the front office.

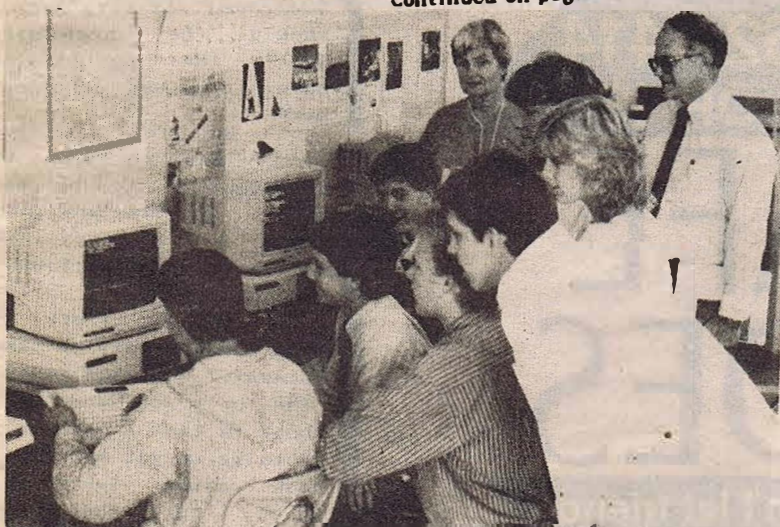
The computers in the office are networked together so the same information can be shown on different monitors. According to Mr. Shapiro, they're used for period by period attendance data, and to enter absences and tardies for the day. They also have a record of students skipping classes, tardies and total class absences.

Mr. Shapiro also said: the administration hopes to add another computer to guidance

for schedule changes. This computer will also be networked with the other two. They want everyone in the front office to be able to use the computers.

Not only has the addition of computers increased, but also the space. There are computers in Room 110, 108, 8 and 2. According to the head of computers at ORHS, Mrs. Hill, the reason for the expansion is to make a computer lab because of the mandatory computer class proposed for students in the class of 1990.

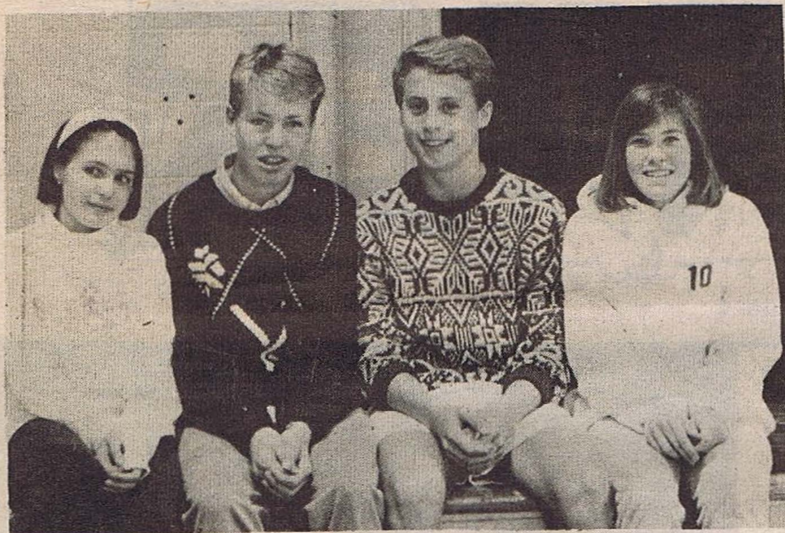
The new computers are going to be used for CAD, Computer assisted design. CAD is what professional engineers and architects use to design. These computers will be available to interested students.



Students look on as Mrs. Hill and Mr. Elwell discuss the fine points of word processing.

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Freshman class officers: Jennifer Thompson, Craig Gwinn, Chris Taube, and Amy Troxell

Taube Wins Frosh Pres., Gwinn, VP

By Diana Hartley

Freshman class officers were chosen in the last week of September. Elected were Chris Taube for President and Craig Gwinn for Vice President, both of which ran uncontested. Jenna McNeil won votes for Secretary, Christine Davenport for Treasurer, and Jen Thompson, Amy Troxell and Debbie Kline came out on top for Student Council Representatives.

The officers held their first meeting already, to discuss fund-

raising ideas for their class. But they're trying some new ideas out hoping to make this year different, like an ethnic food festival at Snowfest, tying in their World Cultures class, a car wash, a night at the Works, and other money-raising activities to unite the smallest Freshman class in years. Taube plans to hold a class meeting soon to get input from his classmates, on ideas he's already considering and to get the class involved by asking them for their suggestion.

S.A.U split successful

By David Elwell

The separation of School Administrative Unit (SAU) #56 has developed a separate SAU for the Oyster River School District and the Somersworth-Rollinsford School District. Oyster River's new administration, SAU#5, starts its exclusive dealings with the policies affecting the schools of the district this year.

The administration has moved into its new building on Coe Drive, which was completed over the summer, and this hopes to improve the excessability of the administration to the schools. Therefore, the administration will be closer to understand and investigate the policies affecting the schools as the year progresses.

"Communication will improve between the schools and the administration because of the location of the central office, and the and the administration will be able to spend more time on specific issues since they only deal with one district," said high school Principal Geoffrey Jones. Superintendent John Powers commented, "The location of the central office will improve the quality of communication and allow us as administrators to give better attention to the issues affecting the schools."

Powers continued by expressing that curriculum, program evaluation, and budget issues can be handled more affectively by being closer to the schools. The closeness of the central office will eliminate the time con-

flicts of the past and allow the administration to act more quickly to issues which arise and need immediate attention. According to Mr. Powers, the most important benefit will be the improved communication between the schools, the administration, and the community.

The location of the SAU#5 building has many advantages from its construction. According to Mr. Powers, a great advantage of the building is its presence in the vicinity of the schools while blending into the neighborhood. Mr. Powers was pleased about the atmosphere in as well as outside of the central office. The parking lot will provide parking for the administrative staff along with extra spaces for those people attending soccer games and other sports activities, and provide a convenience for the school and the community.

Breaking Tradition With New Senior Locker Area

by Diana Hartley

Senior lockers, as of this year have been moved from the first floor to the second. Reasons stated by the faculty advisor committee and Principal Geoffrey Jones include congestion in the lower floor, more room on the second floor, a chance to grant individual lockers to seniors, to reduce noise in between classes, and for seniors to be closer to their class advisor, Ms. Smith.

Controversy arose the first day of classes when a majority of seniors

persuaded underclassmen to move out of the "Traditional Senior Lockers!" Because of the confusion, Mrs. Lauten, Mr. Jones and other faculty members issued a memo to senior homerooms requesting seniors to remain on the top floor where they could obtain individual lockers of their choice.

When the decision was made, Jones felt the seniors would appreciate having the whole second floor to themselves, communication would be better as a class, and seniors could be with their friends. But seniors took

the decision as a threat to the tradition of "Senior Hall" being in the lower corridor. When in truth seniors have only been located there "since this year's seniors were freshmen," Says Mrs. Lauten. "Because I've been there longer, it didn't strike me as being a big change. Things have to change as the population changes. This is the first time we've been able to grant a whole floor of lockers to underclassmen and one to seniors."

Two seniors, who chose to keep their lockers downstairs agreed it was more "convenient for their classes," and one continued to say, "Seniors should be downstairs. That's the way it has been, the way it should be."

But for the most part, seniors took the opportunity to be with their friends and have their own lockers. Even so, some are still upset about the move. "I've waited three years for this and now they've taken it away," said one senior. "The only thing I'm mad about is that I have to go upstairs to get my physics book after lunch, but other than that it's fine," commented senior Jenn Stevens.

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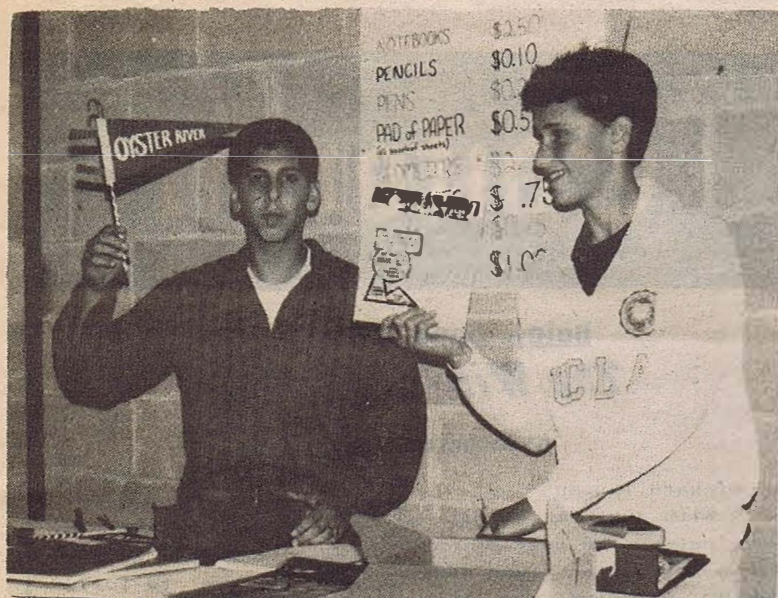
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Juniors Richie Khrief and Rich Matasou working hard in the school store

Performance Pay Remains An Issue In '87 At ORHS

By John Freiermuth

The issue of Performance Based Pay is unlikely to be an issue in the School Board meetings this year, according to School Board Chairman Susan Loder.

"We are in the process of doing some homework on the concept so that we can develop some type of plan," Mrs. Loder states.

What exactly is P.B.P.? P.B.P. is a system of compensation of teachers in which part or all of each teachers' salary is based on evaluation of his/her work, and particulars of his/her workload. Example: if one teacher has 25 kids with a wide range of learning abilities and another teacher has 10 kids who all have learning disabilities, which teacher should get paid more?

ORHS Principal Geoff Jones disagrees with P.B.P. because, "it has too many variables involved." Jones agrees to, "complimenting the teacher on a job well done," but he feels that, "they (the teachers) should not be paid to be complimented." According to Jones the teachers and the School Board Committee met over a year ago but had a very difficult time coming up with a plan.

Math teacher Ginny Tagliaferro also disagrees with P.B.P. "It's hard to evaluate a teacher because different people have different

opinions of that teacher," Tagliaferro states. According to Tagliaferro in order for teachers to be evaluated it would depend on who's rating you and on the criteria involved.

"That's the problem," Tagliaferro continues, "You don't know who's going to evaluate, the principal, school board, or other teachers."

According to Mr. Jones the concept was popular about 5 years and the only school around there that has P.B.P. is Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow. Jones says, however, that the school has real difficulty with it, "One teacher might get more money than another and the teachers start wondering their own worth."

Chemistry teacher and Head of the Teacher Negotiations, Mr. Perry, feels that, "P.B.P. would be good if you could do it, but the problem is you can't." "The question is who is going to evaluate the teachers," Perry continues. Different people have different opinions as to what a good teacher is." Mr. Perry believes in the "probation" method, which means if a teacher is not doing satisfactory work then that teacher is docked a percentage of their pay and is provided with help to correct their weaknesses.

"I feel you can determine a person's competency and incompetency but not to the degrees of each," Mr. Perry concludes.

New School Store Opens for Business

By: Pat Duffey

As a result of a poll taken last year, a school store has been added at Oyster River. It already is facing controversy over location. "There had been a few objections because the fire exit was being blocked," said Jenny Sturgeon, founder of the store, "But the cafeteria is a good, central location for the store."

The store offers school supplies and spirit items including hats and pennants. Sturgeon is working on having the store in the cafeteria for sixth period and after school. During these times, food may be sold by the store to students who want it.

Most of the money made by the store goes to pay for inventory, with all of the profits going to the Students Council.

Workers are needed before school, during lunch, and during fourth period which covers the time between lunches. Anyone interested should sign up at the store.

Mixed Reviews for Attendance Policy

By Chad Bradbury

Changes in the attendance policies at Oyster River have yielded both pro and cons for teachers and students.

In years past, repeated tardiness could have caused a student to fail a given class. This year however, after the first two tardies students receive one detention per tardy. This is opposed to last year where a cut was given after three tardies and an F in the class for six tardies after that.

Mathematics teacher Peter Stoychovich says he favors the new policy for two reasons, "one, the students aren't penalized academically for being late, and two, when a student is late it is (morally) easier for a teacher to assign a tardy, because the student won't be hurt academically."

Out of 20 students asked all of the students had one of two opinions on the policy. One was Jay West who said, "The problem with the new policy is that teachers are much

more strict about being late, I'm afraid to be in the door way when the bell rings. For fear that they'll mark me late."

The part of the policy that all students asked (20) liked, was that they couldn't be hurt academically for being late. Michelle Twombly said, "I feel better knowing that being late won't make me fail a class, the only problem is that teachers are almost looking for people to be late."

Absence policies have also changed this year. Students now receive either excused or appealable or unappealable absences. An unappealable absence might be a family vacation or trip and an example of a appealable absence would be a sick related absence.

Pieter Beckman, a senior, said, "Vacations or family trips should not necessarily be counted as unappealable absences. There are plenty of things to learn on a trip which you can't learn in school. You education is not totally with the school"

The changes in the attendance policy in general, said English teacher Estaver, "came right out of the faculty. We set up a committee up last year, and all the final decisions were made up by another committee over the summer."

Assistant Principal Neil Shapiro said, "the new policy for us makes dealing with absences easier, because now we have definite guidelines we can follow."

Another part of the system which was changed was the policy of make-up work. "Whether the absence is excused or not students are allowed to make up 4 days of missed work per quarter. That is

St. Paul's: A Summer Meeting of the Minds

By Lynn Schow

To many students, the thought of going to summer school is horrifying. To the nine ORHS students who attended St. Paul's School Advanced Studies Program (SPS-ASP), it was the opposite. These students actually paid to be able to attend this program. "The experience was worth more than the \$1800 I paid," said Mass Media Student David Bergeron. Not one person said they wished they had done something else over the summer.

The SPS-ASP is a six week program of studying during the summer for accelerated and motivated students. The students apply for admission, in a process similar to college, and when they do, indicate their choice for a major subject. The students attend classes for their major subject 21 hours per week, while attending English classes for 3 hours per week. Sports is a requirement for at least 4 hours a week. Students experience a wide variety of learning, using videotapes, movies, fieldtrips, role enactments and attendance at plays as ways of learning.

There are a number of choices for a student's major course. David

Bergeron studied Mass Media; Yesim Celikkol, Japanese; Steve Fuller, Lynn Schow, and Seth Taube, Contemporary Issues; Jenn Stevens and Penny Swift, Human Understanding; Mark Gwinn and Brook Taube, Law and Government. There are many other choices available.

St. Paul's is a social, as well as an academic experience. "On the first day, you check in, find your dorm, get settled in, and ask yourself, why did I give up six weeks of my summer for this?" said Yesim Celikkol. "But soon you meet your dorm, start new friendships and start having a great time with all of these new people."

The 200 students at St. Paul's form a community, growing closer as each week goes by. The friendships grow stronger, and it becomes hard to imagine life without these people. "There are so many interesting people in the program, all equally motivated like yourself. I enjoyed being there with them. When you're there, you don't realize how special it is, and when you leave you really miss it," commented Jenn Stevens.

The SPS-ASP administrators promote the community feeling throughout the six weeks; showing movies, holding dances on closed weekends, (weekends when you must stay on

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1987 Student Council Members

Exchange Students Come and Gone

By Chris Taylor

For the first time in nearly a decade, O.R. will not have any foreign exchange students during the school year.

At the beginning of the year, however, there were two students visiting the school, and attending classes. After spending the summer here, Fredico Ortega Delgado, returned to Spain September 29th. Felix Kushnick, from West Germany relocated to Kingwood High School due to adjustment problems.

Over the last few years, there have usually been around 3 to 5 students. So why not this year?

According to Mrs. Mackay, the problem is not the willingness of the students to come, but the lack of host families.

The Guidance Department at O.R. has nothing to do with the actual transporting of the students or finding host families for them. There are various agencies in the area that serve that purpose. Once the students are in the O.R. district, then guidance works with them to see that their expectations and goals are being satisfied.

The students of O.R. High School enjoy the cultural experience of having foreign exchange students. Many of them, are disappointed that we have none this year.

Dave Sundberg, a senior, said, "They added a contact with a different culture. It was definitely a good experience having them here."

The absence of foreign exchange students this year is a noticeable difference to those who knew them last year.



Parking

drive."

However, some other students such as Christine Rowe, Andrea Viccaro, Suzie Weiner, Scott Collins and numerous others all understand why the parking procedure is the way it is. They also feel that the seniors should have first priority for parking permits if the school does have to issue them. Senior Scott Collins added, "I will drive whether or not I get a parking permit."

St. Paul's

campus) and allowing dorm and/or class field trips. The Contemporary Issues class went for Chinese

food and to the American Repertoire Theatre in Cambridge, Mass; the Japanese class went to Boston and the Museum of Fine Arts; and the Ecology class went on a three day overnight trip (all expenses were paid for by the school).

"It was definitely one of the best experiences of my life. I made so many friends, friends that I've kept in touch with. The atmosphere was intense, everybody was there because they wanted to be there. Everyone wanted to learn, and to have fun. I can't say enough about the program," said Yesim Celikkol.

Juniors and underclassmen should think about applying. "I definitely advise any juniors out there to go," stated Mark Gwinn.

"I think St. Paul's changed my life more than any other experience I've ever had, and I'm grateful for it," said Steve Fuller.

STUDENT COUNCIL

By Pat Duffey

Committees have been formed by the Student Council to organize the Clam Slam and Snowfest. They are also working on a long term project which would be a school song.

Senior Brook Taube is President of the Council, Senior Missy Goding is Vice-President, the Secretary is James Coward, and Melanie Morrell is serving a treasurer.

Other members are Seniors Laura Mussulman, Diana Hartley, Adam Ginsburg; Juniors Peter Cononico, Jeff Moore, Kristen Cavanaugh; Sophomores David Hartley, Janet Moore, Kerry Mauer; Freshman Jen Thompson, Amy Troxell, Debbie Kline. Senior Lynn Schow is the Student Representative to the School Board.

The Student Council is concentrating it's efforts on the organization of the annual Clam Slam Volleyball Tournament. A date has not yet been set for the event. Likewise, Snowfest is being organized, but it is dependant upon snow.

The Council is still in the early stages in efforts to get a school song. Oyster River has never had one.

A fall Pep Rally is desired, but it looks like it will have to wait until winter. We have no cheerleaders this fall, and without them, a Pep Rally is unlikely.



Boys' Soccer

"It seems this year everyone is going after us a bit harder, and we are going to have to be ready for it," said senior goalie Dave Elwell.

This year's team includes younger talent such as Jason Pollard and Eric Sunberg, as well as junior Kurt Vorisek, Jeff Moore, Steve Leitz, Pete Canonico, Pat Casey, Dave Hill, and Dave Hutchinson.

The heart of the team is made up of seniors with Charlie Hogarty, Adam Ginsburg, Derek Smith and Greg Williams, all playing forward. The midfield is anchored by Dan Stewart and Dave Criswell.

Defense is led by Todd Bragdon, Mark Gwinn, Brook Taube, Seth Taube, and Dave Elwell.

Editorial

Being "Good Sports"? The Win/Lose Jeer

by Richard Tappan

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With just a few minutes before the buzzer, a group of fans stand and begin pointing at the guest team. With sneering eyes, jeering lips and a humiliating cadence, they begin chanting, "Winning team, losing team!" Each time this "cheer" echoes over the closing of a game, good sportsmanship drops another notch.

A cheer is applause for your team. A jeer is an attack on an opponent. There is nothing positive or redeeming about a put down no matter what the setting.

The Win/Lose chant is not an Oyster River original, but a bad idea is a bad idea whether it is original or an imitation.

It is also true that

some schools are rude and belligerent to our teams, but poor sportsmanship by another team is not an excuse for us to follow suit.

Oyster River has a tradition of being fair and respectful to guest teams. The put down chant is not worthy of our school, damages our reputation, and embarrasses teachers and coaches who try to role model good sportsmanship.

When the Win/Lose cheer bellows forth, we all end up the losers--the guest team whose defeat is deepened into an insult, and the home team whose victory is tarnished in shamefully bad manners. Let's can the Win/Lose jeer.



MR. ROBERTSON'S NEIGHBORHOOD

The Parking Problem: Is Doing Nothing a Solution?

by Nancy Carlson

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Student parking at Oyster River has turned into a survival of the fittest battle, whether you choose to park in the lot or on Coe Drive.

The reason for the changes in the parking policy was the town of Durham's restrictions on parking along Coe Drive. Students are no longer allowed to park closer than eighty feet to the stop sign where Coe Drive meets Baghdad Road or thirty feet up from where Beard's Landing meets Coe Drive.

The school was originally going to issue parking permits to those who needed them most. The only problem was the large amounts of permits received,

and the small number of spaces available. The result was that permits would not be issued as long as students continued to abide by the rules. Mrs. Lauten one of the people asked to screen the permits said, "We couldn't come up with a fair way to issue permits that everyone would agree was fair. There are too many value judgements involved."

There definitely needs to be some type of order in parking at the high school, and the time to set these guidelines is now, whether the administration decides to build a new parking lot or decides to wait until voting has been completed on the new school proposal. It won't be long before people decide that they would rather double park than park down across from the softball field.

A Friend Remembered

Remembering Mike

By Marybeth Ober

Mike Zistl was always looking for something, but unsure of where to find it. Mike was searching for who he was and how he would fit in, and those who knew him knew he was making progress. Mike's search for what he could be is our search. We have all learned from Mike's death how much help each of us needs in that search.

"Sometimes Mike would be standing at the door of my class with a blank look on his face. I'd have to say, Mike, you're supposed to be in Algebra, not science," says Mrs. Johnson, a Middle School science teacher.

He went out of his way numerous times for many people. He felt comfortable with anyone. He always made it a point to say "Hi," to know how everyone else was doing not matter who they were.

Many of us tended to ignore him, just because he was one of the people who were not in our immediate circle of friends. It's hard, but I think we take for granted, the opportunity we all have to be able to say "Hi" to anyone in school and not have to care what others will think.

Mike was close to adults such as Mrs. Reif, Mr. Densen, Ms. Doran, and Mr. Mroz. Perhaps adults were the only people who understood him. Then again, did we all try hard enough? Do we try hard

enough to understand others now?

Mike was active in Drama Club, Chorus, Chamber Singers, Boy Scout Troop #322 of Exeter, College Academy (a summer program for gifted students), and the Portsmouth Academy of the Performing Arts. He was also profound in his writing ability including some writing in a nationally published literary magazine. He had a lot to give. He was harmless and snuffed, cheated out of his life which would have been exceptional. I'm sure considering his talents and eagerness to excel.

He began to get a firm grip on things. He finally was reaching and making contact with what he wanted to find in life. Perhaps he didn't or couldn't reach far enough. It was a tragedy for us all because he was, at the time of his death, in a struggle for his identity and all of us were influencing him in that struggle. He didn't try to impress anyone. He didn't have to. He was just trying to fit in, as all of us are.

NEW ADMIN JOB AT O.R.

By Kit Pierce

Oyster River High Schools' Mrs. Lauten has taken on a new position in the school as it's Student Activities Director. Mr. Jones, who proposed the idea of the position 3 years ago to the school board, feels that the position is working well.

Mrs. Lauten, who has been active in Student Activities for many years, including Mu Alpha Theta (O.R.'s math team), Granite State Challenge, and last year the New England Associate Evaluation Chair Person (including the self study committee), seemed to be the most logical choice for the job, According to Mr. Jones. "We needed someone who could work during their free time instead of hiring a new person. We couldn't afford that," stated Mr. Jones.

Many students believe that Mrs. Lauten's new job is to patrol the school and enforce the rules that may not have been enforced in past years, but this is

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Omnipresent: A divine quality



Hey, there's Mrs. Lauten...Hey, there's Mrs. Lauten. Hey, there's Mrs. Lauten...Hey, there's Mrs. Lauten...

A Big Apple Tour For O.R. Students?

By Kristi Cowern

The Fine Arts Committee has tentative plans to sponsor a 4 day, 3 night trip to New York City from January 28 - 31, right after midterm-exams. The trip would be open to everyone in the school and would include tickets to 2 Broadway shows, museum visits and general sight seeing.

Students interested would be taking a chartered bus to and from the city and would stay at the Holiday Inn in New York City, "which is a great location in the city", said Mr. Tappan.

There have been 2 previous New York City trips, the first in 1983 and on in 1985. In the last trip the group saw the Broadway show "My One and Only" and a British comedy "Noises Off". Tours were set up to go see the set of a soap opera and visits to sights such as the Statue of Liberty. According to Mr. Tappan, "the students traveled in separate groups depending on their

various interests in sights." "The cost would depend on the number of students who went on the trip," said Mr. Tappan. There would have to be at least 25 students interested to start the arrangements. The cost of the trip of 1985 was \$210.00 plus money for food (\$40.00). This cost covered the round trip bus, tickets to two Broadway shows, the hotel and 2 guided tours. The cost for 1987 has not yet been determined.

Joe Williams, who went on the Philadelphia trip which Mr. Denson sponsored last spring, said, "The Philadelphia trip was so much fun and we didn't even get to stay overnight. This trip would be great." In agreement with Joe, senior Jeff Carlson said "That would be wicked cool. I think a lot of students would be interested."

If you would like more information about the trip you can contact Mr. Tappan, Mrs. Nash, or Mr. Denson.

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Previously, the team had come away with impressive victories at Portsmouth and at the Bishop Guertin Invitational. At Portsmouth the top 5 ran together, all finishing with the same time in second place. The Bobcats also fared well at Bishop Guertin by finishing with five in the top fourteen.

Oyster River will try to extend its undefeated streak at the upcoming Portsmouth Relays on Saturday, October 3.



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Field Hockey Has Slow Start

By Charlie Hogarty

Marnie Hylton scored two goals, one coming late in the fourth quarter to lift the lady Bobcats over the Newmarket Mules 2-1 in NHIAA class I field hockey action.

The mules jumped out to a one nothing lead before Alison Winston fed Marnie Hylton with a quick pass, that Hylton wasted no time with, knocking it into the back of the net. Her second tallie was scored on a breakaway as she beat a helpless Newmarket goaltender to the right side of the net. The win boosted the Bobcats record to 2-5-3 on the year.

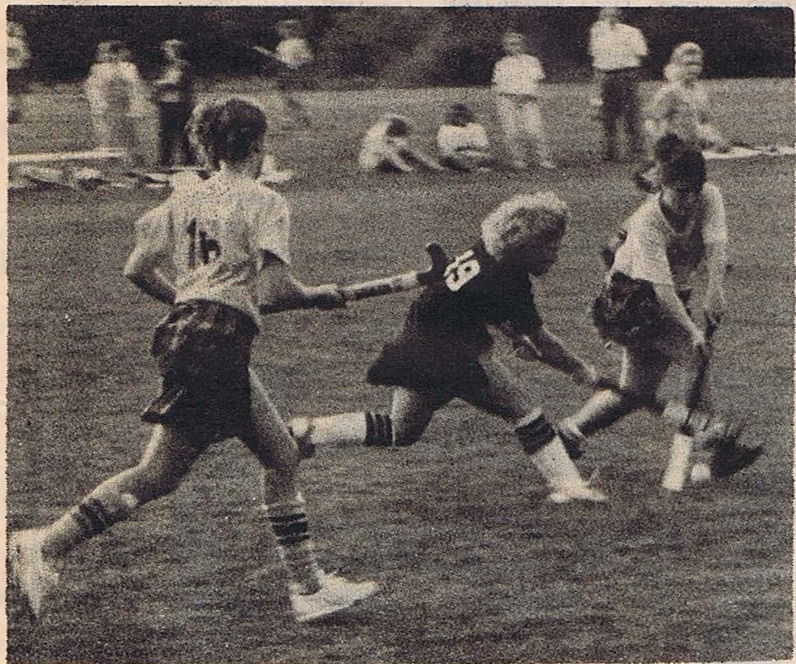
The Bobcats came into the game with a one game winning streak after they had previously disposed of the Sanborn Indians by the score of 3-1. Again it was Marnie Hylton leading the way for the Bobcats as she scored two unanswered goals. Assisting on the goals were Sandy Farrell and Bambi Sullivan. Chrissy Curran scored the team's third and final goal, unassisted.

"Marnie is a very aggressive player and is a big asset to the team."

She's quick on her feet and has a strong shot. In every game she's goal hungry and that's why she leads the team in scoring. At the same time everyone on this team deserves just as much credit because everyone works equally as hard to do their best."

The Bobcats like most of the other fall teams have a good amount of experience. Seniors on the team include Tawny Weeks, Chrissy Curran, Michelle Hanley, Alison Winston, Jenny Sturgeon, Sandy Farrell and Elise Adam-Baine. Kristin Cavanaugh, Barbara Kelsey and Tina Lamontagne are members of the junior class. The new comers to this years varsity squad are sophomores Tara Madden (starting goaltender), Shelly Peters and freshmen Marnie Hylton, Bambi Sullivan and Brenda Warden.

Under the leadership of first year head coach Lisa Horne and tri-captains Chrissy Curran, Michelle Hanley and Tawny Weeks, the Bobcats are hoping to pull together, the high amount of individual talent on their team. In their two wins and three ties the lady Bobcats have managed to do just that.



Chrissy Curran fights for the ball as Jenny Sturgeon and Kristen Cavanaugh look on.

Study Indicates: Good Athletes= Good Students

By Walt Mills

With recent academic scandals about illiterate high school and college athletes receiving diplomas, school officials are increasingly sensitive about accusations that athletes are not good students. At Oyster River, one person who is particularly concerned about this issue is David Nichols, the athletic director. He says that the record both at Oyster River and in the nation as a whole indicates that athletes are for the most part good students.

"Almost every validictorian I've seen at graduation has been involved in one or more sports," said David Nichols Athletic Director of ORHS.

In the high school the ratio of students who play sports and receive bad grades is low. The exact G.P.A.'s were not available.

There are 63 students who would not be eligible for sports in the fall season, but of these only six would have gone out for a fall sport, according to Mr. Nichols. "Only 10% of all students that aren't eligible would be playing a fall sport," Mr. Nichols.

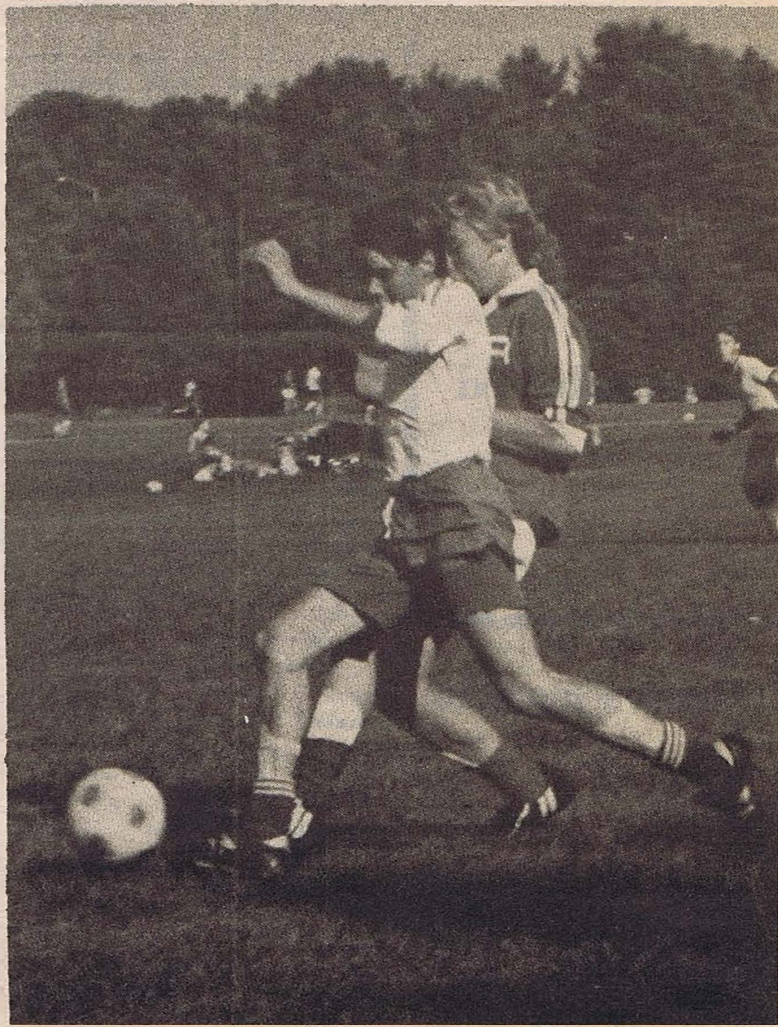
Out of the top 25% of the junior class a whopping 85% of those play one or more sports. Out of the second top 25% a modest but still impressive 52% play sports.

Mr. Nichols believes that sports actually help the kids in school.

"[Sports] makes time management. Students have to budget their time so they can fit everything into their schedule. Time management has a positive side effect on school," commented Mr. Nichols.

Golf team member, Dave Goodman, comments, "If you want to do well in school you'll do well regardless of any outside activities."

Field Hockey player Elise Adam states, "I feel that if your responsible enough you will be successful in both school and sports." For whatever reason academics and sports apparently go together well at ORHS.



Alex Collins dribbles by a defenseman.

J.V. soccer successful

By Diana Hartley, Lynn Schow

Oyster River's Junior Varsity Boy's Soccer team has started off their season with a new coach, Jeff Tolson, and has compiled a 7-0-1 record. The team hosted Kennett on Tuesday and brought about a 10-0 victory. O.R. won 8-0 the last time they faced Kennett. The high scorer of the game was Keith Elwell with four goals with three assists from freshman Craig Gwinn, one from sophomore Jeremy Ward, and one from Gene Lyras.

Elwell also assisted one of sophomore John Gray's three goals. The other two were assisted by Chris Russell. Russell went on to score one of his own, unassisted. Gwinn also tallied an unassisted goal.

"Jeff(Tolson) builds up a lot of spirit. Since we can have a lot more fun, we play better," said Elwell. "We don't have to take it so seriously. He even organizes football games after we win," said John Gray and Elwell.

The team has 83 goals in only 8 games, their only tie of the season was to Exeter with a score of 3-3.

A great contributor to the team's success is sophomore goalie Shawn Amazeen, who has only allowed four goals to pass into O.R.'s net. Oyster River was dominant in their Kennett match. Dave Chase and Lyras put in aggressive performances, as did Chris Anderson and Ung Saravong. Another strong performance was put in by Gwinn, whose passing was consistently effective throughout the game.

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Boys' track

Strong Bobcat Team Returns

By Pat Duffy,
Evan Christenson

At the Phillips Exeter Invitational the boys cross country team walked away with first place when the top five runners all placed in the top 10. Juniors Mike Holmes, Matt Fitzgerald, and Mark Hegarty led OR, finishing second, fourth, and fifth respectively. Bruce Hardy and Brian Grondin, seniors, finished out the scoring for the Bobcats by placing 9th and 10th. The team total was 30 points, good enough to finish well in front of Winnacunnet, Berwick Academy, and host Phillips Exeter.

Oyster River has high hopes, considering that the top four runners from last year's state championship team have returned.

"We're planning to win the state championship," said senior Bruce Hardy, "and hope to finish among the top five at the New England Championships." The team is currently undefeated coming off its recent victory over archrival Stevens High School at the Manchester Invitational. The meet was the biggest that OR competes in during the regular season, involving teams from New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, and Massachusetts.

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Golf Team Strong In First Full Year

By Chris Webb

The Oyster River Golf team finished their 1987 season with a 14-7 record, including a victory in their last match. By defeating Laconia the team may qualified for the playoffs.

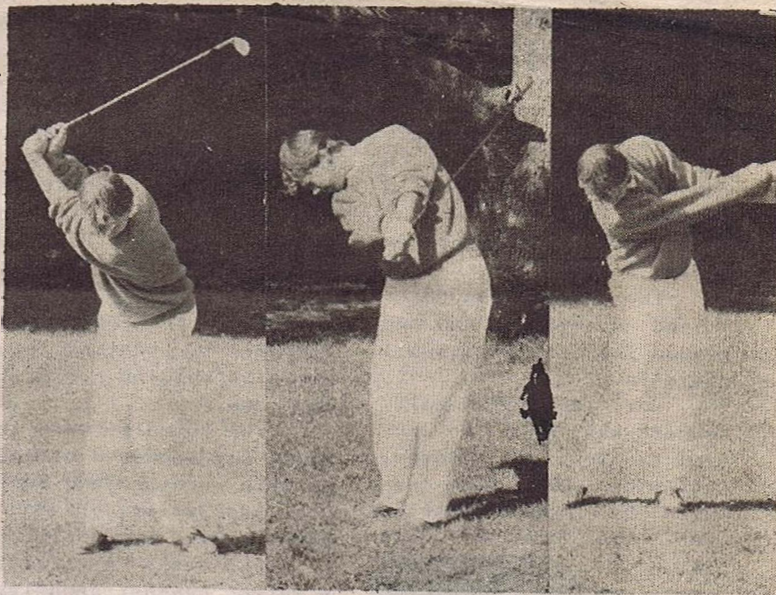
In their first match the Bobcats finished second beating Farmington and losing to St. Thomas by one stroke. Dave Mangene, the number one seed, lead the way with 37 on a par 32 course.

The last match was against Belmont, Interlakes and Laconia, where the Bobcats placed first with Mangene and Fitzgerald hitting a 43 to lead the team. "Because we were able to win our last match we should qualified for the state championships in Rye," commented Mangene.

The next match was with Lebanon, St. Thomas and Gilford, with the Bobcats finishing second. They were lead by Peter Fitzgerald, the number two seed who hit a 41.

The team this year consists of: first year coach Terry Carter, seniors Dave Mangene, Peter Fitzgerald, Rob Reeves and Evan Christenson. Juniors Dave Goodman, Greg Cowern and Matt Komonchak. And freshman Chad Gunter.

According to Dave Goodman, "There are usually 3-5 teams per match and the number one seed of one team plays with the number one on another team. This system continues through the sixth and seventh seed.



Dave Mangene demonstrates his swing as one of the Golf Team.

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of course provided the absences was not an act of truancy" said Principal Geoffery Jones.

Rich Matusow, a Junior, felt that, "if a student is absent, and he has a legitimate note from his parents, he should be able to make up any missed work, and I don't think they (the administration) should set the limit on 4 absences per quarter."

Jones expressed what he feels "are two good things which came out of the new attendance policy, one we can keep better track of late and absent students, and two it lets us check up on the teachers attendance taking."



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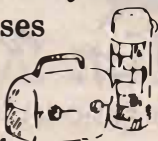
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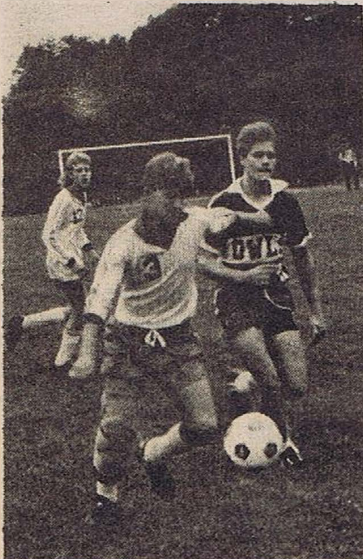
Boys' Soccer SWEEPING THROUGH STATE

By Evan Christenson

In a rematch against the Eagles of Kennett on October 6, the Bobcats played a classic tale of two halves and bested the Eagles 5-0.

The soccer team has a 9 and 0 record and are headed for the Division I playoffs.

For the first half, Kennett was able to control the Bobcats; however, following half time comments by Coach Patrick Udeh, the Bobcats' Dave



Matt Ginsburg dribbles the ball past a Timberlane defender as Dave Hutchinson looks on.

Criswell scored a goal within 49 seconds to start a surge in the second half which led to other goals by Derek Smith, Charlie Hogarty and Dave Hill who had two to his credit.

The O.R. Bobcats manhandled the Somersworth Toppers by posting nine goals in holding S.H.S. to just one.

The Bobcats were led by a high-powered offence as both senior Todd Bragdon and junior Jeff Moore each tallied two goals.

Two weeks earlier in a match against archrival Newmarket, the 'Cats dominated from the outset with a final score of 8-0.

The Bobcats scored three times in the first period, two times for Adam Ginsburg and one for Jeff Moore. According to Dave Criswell, "the three goals knocked the wind out of Newmarket."

A light moment occurred in the game when a Newmarket player tried to catch up with fleet-footed Adam Ginsburg. The opponent ripped Ginsburg's shorts off and temporarily stopped the Bobcats' drive to victory. The defense took on a new role by circling around Ginsburg until Todd Bragdon loaned him a pair of shorts.

Girls' soccer BOBCATS EXTEND STREAK

By Bruce Hardy

The Oyster River girls soccer team easily rolled to their seventh straight win over Kingswood recently. This was the second time the two teams have met this season, with similar results. In the first game between the two Oyster River blasted 13 goals to take the game 13-0. In both games the lady Bobcats dominated from start to finish running up the score as they went. With this win the team remains undefeated and is now ranked number one in the state.

Of the first seven games five have been relatively easy wins for the lady bobcats. These include a 3-0 win over St. Thomas in the opener, a 7-0 win over Mt. St. Mary, a 4-0 win over Timberlane, and the two routings of Kingswood.

The lady Bobcats met up with two of their toughest challenges of the season slipping by Hanover 2-1 and Stevens of Claremont 1-0. The Hanover game previewed what may happen in the playoffs as these two contenders clashed in a well played game. Oyster River scored first as Missy Goding and Tara Truelson were able to kick home goals in the

first quarter. With a two goal lead going into the third quarter, O.R. goalie Laura Mussulman hoped to hang on to her shutout. However the shutout would not be as Hanover scored in the third quarter to make the score 2-1. Hanover threatened to tie the score when Laura Mussulman was injured making a save, and had to be removed from the game. Luckily for the Bobcats Laura's replacement Heather Schenefiel stepped in and the Bobcats held on for the win.

In the Stevens game Elizabeth Healy scored in the third quarter to lift the team to victory. The game was exciting, well played, and can well be considered the most challenging game of the season for the team so far.

Final success will be due to the fact that the team this year brings back a staff of able veterans. The starting line up is as follows. Laura Mussulman in goal, Elizabeth Healy at sweeper, Julie Pelton at stopper, Rain Williams and Lynn Schow as the two fullbacks. Eleni Lyra, Ali Towle, and Tara



Laura Mussulman jumps to make a save.

Truelson will start at the halfback positions. Starting in the three forward positions will be Janet Moore, Missy Goding, and Heather Schenefiel. When asked how the team would do this season coach Dick Dawson said, "We're right where we want to be!" "We have a very strong defense which will lead to a strong team." Hopes are high throughout this team as they just might bring back another state championship to Oyster River High.

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Volleyball

OR Wins Battle for First Place

By Pat Duffey

The Oyster River Volleyball team made quick work of the Spaulding Red Raiders (15-9, 15-6). The score was much closer than the match, as the Bobcats played the second game with many substitutes. Senior Ali Poulin remained in control of the net throughout the contest.

Despite losing four seniors to graduation, this year's team is having a standout season with 13 wins and only 1 loss. Since losing to Epping in their in their season opener, the Bobcats have won all their games. "The team is playing better than anticipated," said Coach Roy Swanson. "I am pleased with their progress."

Although they lack experience, they still have high hopes. "We hope to play in the last game of the season, the finals!", said senior

Nancy Carlson. Carlson and fellow seniors Ali Poulin and Jen Stevens and back to give leadership to this young team.

"You can't fill holes like the one's we had, all you can do is adjust," said Coach Swanson. He made the adjustments by using a platooning system, where each player plays the position they are best suited for. Players helping to fill these positions are senior Diane Raynes; juniors Gina Christenson, Sonya Chu,

Jen White; sophomores Maggie Farrell, Missy Tappan, Leslie Christenson; and freshmen Janice Philbrook.

Volleyball has been divided into two divisions, one for large schools and one for small schools. Oyster River is in class L (large schools), but Coach Swanson doesn't feel it will hurt, "the three best teams in the state are Nashua, Mascenic, and Belmont. Only Nashua in our class!"

place to learn." This includes assemblies, rule enforcement, and all student activities. "We want to improve the tone, atmosphere, and overall spirit of the school," said Mr. Jones, "we want more school spirit and less class spirit."

When asked if she plans on giving up teaching math and becoming a full time student activities director. Mrs. Lauten said that she was reserving judgement.

only part of her new position. According to Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lauten's new position is "to make the school a more comfortable

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